



GROTON

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Groton, incorporated in 1655, is a lovely New England village nestled on the banks of the Nashua and Squannacook Rivers and is the home of two well known private schools, Groton School and Lawrence Academy. Majestic antique homesteads, faded red barns, rolling apple orchards, colonial stone walls and family farm stands all contribute to Groton's charm.

The community prides itself on the numerous acres within the town protected as conservation lands and on the open spaces for swimming, fishing, canoeing, hiking, riding and cross country skiing, as well for being the center for several cultural groups and organizations. For 27 years Groton has been home of the National Sheply Hill Horse Trials as well as host, since 1987, of the New England Horse training championships that draws visitors and competitors from all across New England.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Littleton and Ayer on the south, Shirley and Townsend on the west, Pepperell and Dunstable on the north, and Tyngsborough and Westford on the east. Groton is 15 miles west of Lowell, 31 miles northwest of Boston, and 210 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 33.72 sq. miles

Land Area: 32.78 sq. miles

Population: 7,511

Density: 229 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Clinton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Ayer, Pepperell, Townsend, Westford, Shirley, Nashua South

Regional Planning Agency

Montachusett

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lowell



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Selectmen: (978) 448-1111

Town Clerk: (978) 448-1100

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1655

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	4,545		
Democrats	981	21.6	%
Republicans	859	18.9	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,704	59.5	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Groton town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	9,547	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	9,547	100.0
Male.....	4,731	49.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	109	1.1
Female.....	4,816	50.4	Mexican.....	20	0.2
Under 5 years.....	837	8.8	Puerto Rican.....	33	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	955	10.0	Cuban.....	7	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	908	9.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	49	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	573	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	9,438	98.9
20 to 24 years.....	244	2.6	White alone.....	9,198	96.3
25 to 34 years.....	968	10.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,155	22.6	Total population.....	9,547	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,506	15.8	In households.....	9,472	99.2
55 to 59 years.....	450	4.7	Householder.....	3,268	34.2
60 to 64 years.....	284	3.0	Spouse.....	2,289	24.0
65 to 74 years.....	362	3.8	Child.....	3,452	36.2
75 to 84 years.....	236	2.5	Own child under 18 years.....	2,998	31.4
85 years and over.....	70	0.7	Other relatives.....	201	2.1
Median age (years).....	36.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	69	0.7
18 years and over.....	6,430	67.4	Nonrelatives.....	262	2.7
Male.....	3,124	32.7	Unmarried partner.....	137	1.4
Female.....	3,306	34.6	In group quarters.....	75	0.8
21 years and over.....	6,221	65.2	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	829	8.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	75	0.8
65 years and over.....	668	7.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	295	3.1	Total households.....	3,268	100.0
Female.....	373	3.9	Family households (families).....	2,568	78.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,528	46.8
One race.....	9,448	99.0	Married-couple family.....	2,289	70.0
White.....	9,282	97.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,352	41.4
Black or African American.....	33	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	205	6.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	134	4.1
Asian.....	93	1.0	Nonfamily households.....	700	21.4
Asian Indian.....	28	0.3	Householder living alone.....	558	17.1
Chinese.....	15	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	178	5.4
Filipino.....	1	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,582	48.4
Japanese.....	11	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	494	15.1
Korean.....	24	0.3	Average household size.....	2.90	(X)
Vietnamese.....	7	0.1	Average family size.....	3.31	(X)
Other Asian ¹	7	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	3,393	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,268	96.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	125	3.7
Samoa.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	54	1.6
Some other race.....	26	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	99	1.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.9	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	3,268	100.0
White.....	9,378	98.2	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,740	83.8
Black or African American.....	60	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	528	16.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	29	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.07	(X)
Asian.....	141	1.5	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.02	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-			
Some other race.....	41	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	27
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The principal highway is State Route 2, the old Mohawk Trail, which runs across northern Massachusetts. State Route 140 and Interstate 190 connect the region to Worcester. The Springfield Terminal Railway line (the former Boston and Maine Railroad) parallels Route 2 and provides access to the network of intermodal facilities serving central and eastern Massachusetts.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 40, 111, 119, and 225.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available in nearby Ayer (travel time: 66-73 minutes; no MBTA parking). The Springfield Terminal Railway provides freight rail service. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

Bus

Groton is a member of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA). No fixed bus service is available, but LRTA's Road Runner Program provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Shirley Airport, a private public-use facility, is easily accessible. It has a 3,250'x 55' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Copter.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Groton Historical Society
172 Main Street
(978) 448-2046

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Groton School Infirmary

Long Term Care

Childrens Extended Care Center

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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